

# THESE MAY BE FATAL . . . .

IF AN AIR RAID COMES, the full cooperation of every citizen is essential. Complete blackout must be rigidly maintained. Telephone wires must not be jammed. THERE MUST BE NO PANIC!

These pictures are horrible examples—they show what should not be done in case an air-raid alarm sounds. Issued by the Office for Civilian Defense, they are part of the first series of air-raid instructional photographs authorized by technical experts who have spent months outlining the proper ways to meet whatever emergency might arise in the event of an air raid.

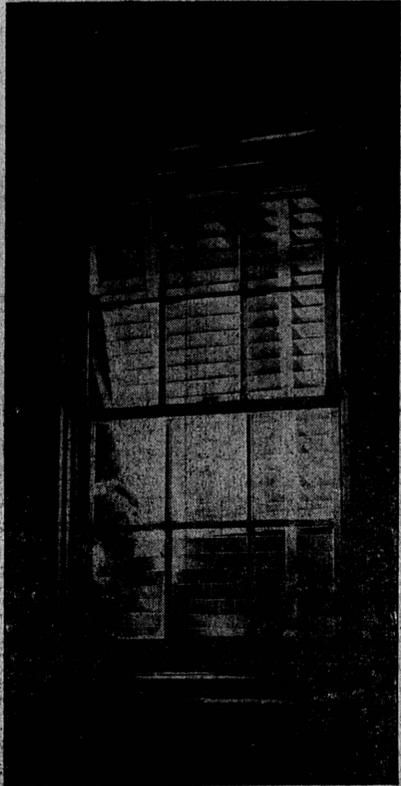
All eight of these pictures show people engaged in dangerous practices. Some of these practices aid the enemy by rendering the blackout ineffective, others are dangerous for the individuals concerned and some block the efficient operation of the air-raid protection service.

Study these pictures and the explanatory material beneath them, but study them so that you may avoid the practices shown, not so that you may imitate them. In the warfare of today, when the battle is brought into the home and office, taking the proper precautions during an air-raid alarm is intelligent defensive warfare.

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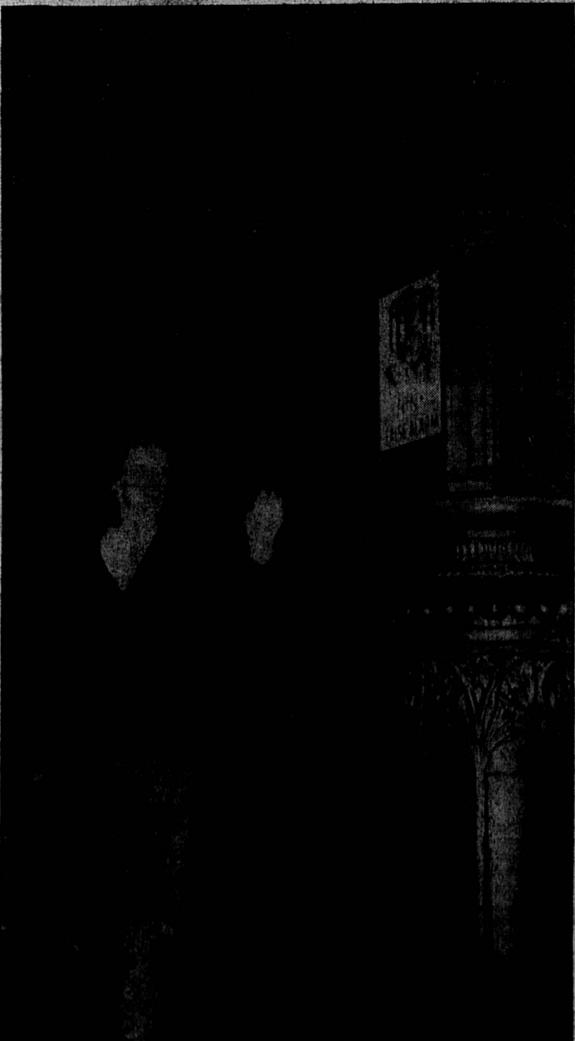
There's a great temptation to peek out, but DON'T DO IT. Light is bound to escape, and enemy pilots are just looking for light—even the thinnest beam may be a giveaway.



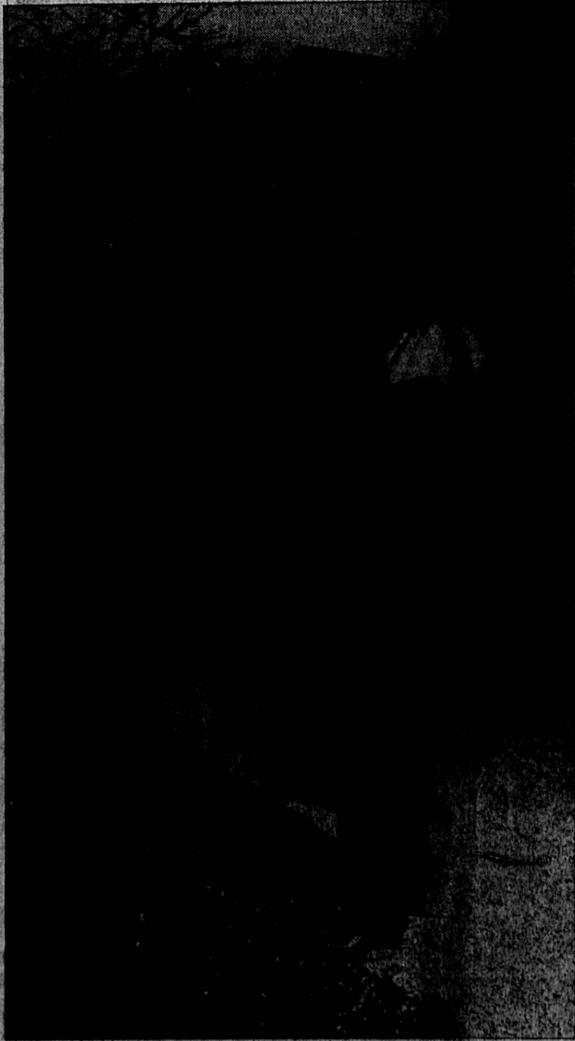
Notice the light escaping, as this curious youngster peeks out to see what's going on. Light draws bombs. Keep the blackout fully effective.



The first and foremost rule in the event of an air raid—in fact, in any time of emergency—is DON'T GET EXCITED! No matter how well prepared you are, you can't afford to get panicky—that's when you forget the simple directions you know you should follow. Panic is an aid to the enemy; cool clear minds defeat his purpose.



This girl is about to turn in a false alarm. If there is an air raid, your fire department will know it. DON'T TURN IN AN ALARM. You'll merely confuse the fire authorities. If you like fire alarms, join the Citizens' Defense Corps, and learn when they're needed.



Don't expose yourself to bomb fragments, flying debris, shrapnel from anti-aircraft guns. Take shelter as soon as an alarm is sounded, and stay indoors until you hear the "all clear." If you're not near home, go to the nearest building and ask to be let in.



Don't tamper with the wires. Simply make certain that the windows in any rooms you might use or enter are covered with light-proof material. Don't pull the main switch.



Don't shut off the water and gas pipes leading into your cellar. You may need water for firefighting. Consult your gas company for instructions on gas control.



Hold your small talk. Telephone wires will be jammed with wardens' reports and other vital matters. Don't call your fire department—that's the job of others during an air raid.

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